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Warning to Farmers.

Another scheme for swindling the farmers of the United States has been discovered by the Federal Farm Loan Board. A man advertising himself as an authorized organizer of national farm-loan associations is sending out advertising matter emblazoned with the national flag, stating that he will organize such associations at \$500 each, and will teach others the trick for a certain sum of money. His advertisements have reached farmers and business men over a large part of the United States. He claims to be so busy organizing national farm-loan associations that he needs help, but will take time to teach others for a monetary consideration.

All such representations are fraudulent. In order to borrow under the farm loan act, it is necessary for farmers to organize cooperative national farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the Federal Farm Loan Board, published more than a year ago, for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land-bank to spend any money for promotion purposes. Associations thus organized will not be chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board. Farmers are warned therefore against anyone asking a fee for his proffered services in connection with applying for a loan under the Federal farm-loan act.

It is alleged that one Scott McBride a school teacher of St. Catherine, Mo., uttered the following words not long ago: "I would like to have Pres. Wilson in my back yard with a shot gun at his back and I would do the rest." Now with due process of law Mr. McBride was arrested last Saturday by Deputy Marshal Fahy and conducted to Hannibal where he was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner A. R. Smith and placed under a bond of \$2000 for his appearance before the Commissioner on March 9th for a preliminary examination.

Miss Mary Gentges daughter of B. T. Gentges formerly of this city, but who now reside at Farmington, and Mr. Hubert Bragg of Bethlehem, Pa. were married in Farmington, February 11th. They will make their home in Pennsylvania.

Wheatless Breakfast.

A government bulletin suggests for wheatless breakfast:

Buckwheat cakes.
Corn cakes.
Rice-corn muffins.
Rye cakes.
Hominy-cake muffins.
Corn muffins.
Corn and rice waffles.
Spoon cornbread.
Crackling bread.
Rye and corn bread.
Rice cakes.
Rice Waffles.
Rice muffins.
Bran muffins.
Oatmeal muffins.
Sweet potato muffins.
Buckwheat muffins.
Johnny cakes.
Corn and wheat waffles.
Potato rolls.
Bran biscuit.

Some of the breakfast cakes in the 'wheatless' list may need one or two tablespoons of wheat flour for a binder; the other breads are absolutely wheatless. Extend the list as your acquaintance grows.

Little grains of sugar,
Little grains of sand
Make the grocer's profits
Swell to beat the band.
Little lumps of sugar,
Little lumps of coal
In our little wallet
Make an awful hole.

It is proper, wise and necessary to require the people to use substitutes for wheat flour and other essentials that must be shipped abroad as a war measure. It is just as necessary to see to it that the substitutes are provided and at reasonable prices. It won't do to say, when the substitutes are not procurable, "Enforce the order anyhow." Neither will it do to allow the profiteers to boost the prices of the substitutes so high that people cannot afford to buy them. Retailers, bakers and consumers who make honest efforts, in the best of good faith, to comply with the food regulations, should have all the protection and assistance it is possible for the food administration to give. And at the very top of their list of rights is that, when they give up flour or meat, the corn meal or fish should be placed where they can get it at a fair and honest price.

A Hooverized Luncheon.

Miss Belle Johnson delightfully entertained the members of the Century Club at her Studio Tuesday afternoon. The guests were requested to be present at one o'clock and at that hour had assembled, eagerly awaiting this luncheon as the hostess had announced previously that it would be prepared according to the orders of the Food Administrator, and would be wheatless, meatless, and sweetless.

The studio had not been especially decorated for the occasion but it needed no special preparation for it is both artistic and interesting and even a frequent visitor may always find something new. At the hostess invitation the guests repaired to the sky light room where tables had been laid with snowy linen and shining silver. Each table was presided over by an officer—the places being designated by Photographic place cards emblematic of the Shakespearian study of the club.

Before taking their seats the Star Spangled Banner was sung. The luncheon was served by Miss Tib Evans, Mesdames A. A. Melson E. L. Anderson and E. H. Anderson. They were dressed in white and wore little green aprons and had the green and white bows, Century Club colors in their hair. The luncheon consisted of five courses and was delicious. Instead of wheat flour being used rye, rice, potato, barley and corn flours and corn meal were substituted and all sweetening was done with molasses, honey and maple, while chicken was the meat served. After the luncheon the guests repaired to the reception room. Two new members were initiated, Mrs. W. G. Williamson and Mrs. Harry Fuqua. After the business was transacted the regular literary program was given. The subject was American Humors.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Schweer with Miss Jaeger as leader. It will be a musical program. Mrs. Edmund Jaeger was an out of town guest.

No, Mr. County assessor you can't find out a thing from the government income tax collectors as to any lists of property given by the tax payer to the income tax men. They keep these lists confidential.

Read it in the Democrat.

Agricultural Council.

An Agricultural Council was organized for this territory last Friday. Senator R. S. McClintic was made permanent chairman of the council and the departments were constituted as follows, the heads of the various departments being named first:

Seed Corn—E. E. DeLashmuth, Geo. L. Hampton, L. G. Abel, J. B. Gray and Prof. L. C. Stewart.

Hogs—Elmo Jackson.

Cattle—Lewis Bell, James Elliott and James Wadsworth.

Dairying—Roy G. Melson, W. H. Moss, Geo. L. Turner, Jr. E. J. Alexander, Ernest Clark and Harvey Gray.

Wheat and Farm Crops—Warren W. Fuqua.

Fertilizers—Hugh Ford.

Farm Labor—J. S. Conway.

A seed testing station will be established in the basement of the Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg. under the supervision of I. L. Owen who will see that accurate records of all corn tested will be kept. The actual work in testing will be performed by the Agricultural class of the Public School. The station will be ready for operation some time this week and farmers are requested not to bring not more than 10 bushels of picked corn at any time. A charge for testing will be made of 25 cents per bushel. All farmers are urged to co-operate with the council in every thing looking to the increase of farm products.

The meeting last Friday was very interesting and a number of addresses were made. A meeting of the council is called for today when F. W. Merrell, of Wisconsin will address the meeting. All farmers are urged to be present.

It is the opinion of the United States Food Administration that the gross maximum profit for wholesalers in flour should not exceed from 50 to 75 cents per barrel. The profit to retail dealers in original mill packages should not exceed from 80 cents to \$1.20 per barrel, depending upon the character of service performed. Where retailers sell in amounts less than the original mill packages, the gross profit should not exceed 1 cent a pound.

The wind last summer blew clouds of butterflies from France into Germany. The butterflies destroyed the German cabbage crop, and now Fritz is short of a staple article of diet. How can he hope to beat a country where even the butterflies are doing their bit?

Beware The Claim Agent.

Secretary McAdoo has announced that it is unnecessary for anyone having a claim against the Government as a dependent of soldiers or sailors killed in service to employ an attorney or a claim agent. Such claimants need no agent in collecting what may be due them. The Bureau of War Risk Insurance will furnish blanks for the filing of claims.

The Government does not propose to have a class of men preying upon the misfortunes of those who survive our fighting men. For a generation after the Civil War every community supported some individual whose business it was to handle pension claims. These "pension agents" flourished and grew fat. Much of the money that should have gone to the dependent or claimant found its way into their pockets. They were recognized by the Government, probably as a necessary evil, under the pension laws as they existed.

Claim agents are not needed now. Those having a claim should deal directly with the Government.

Two Years In Pen.

Sewell H. Griffin of this city who appealed to the supreme court from the ruling of the Monroe county circuit court, having been convicted in 1916 on a charge of conducting a house of immoral character under the guise of a hotel, has begun his two-year sentence in the pen, the higher court affirming his sentence.

It is said that Mr. Griffin might have escaped with a fine of \$200 when given his preliminary hearing in the summer of 1915; but upon advice of counsel determined to fight the case, with the foregoing result.

A misdemeanor charge, at present pending in the Shelby County court, where it was taken on a change of venue from Monroe will now likely be dropped by the state's attorney.

Mrs. Emma Caulder President of the Rebekah State Assembly of Missouri spent Wednesday afternoon and evening in this city. An informal meeting was held in the afternoon and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. Supper was served at the hall. At 8 o'clock lodge opened in form and a regular school of instruction was held.

Ora Lewis may have the distinction of being the last man legally hanged in Missouri. Nothing like being alone in one's class.

Crisco, 1 1-2 pounds	-	-	45c
Tomatoes, large can	-	-	15c
Corn, 2 cans	-	-	25c
Sifted Peas, 2 cans	-	-	35c
Pink Salmon, per can	-	-	15c
Red Salmon, per can	-	-	20c
Macaroni, package	-	-	10c
Spaghetti, package	-	-	10c
Washington Crisps, pkg.	-	-	10c
Hominy, 3 pounds	-	-	25c
Pinto Beans, 2 pounds	-	-	25c
Buckwheat, 5 pounds	-	-	45c
Peaberry Coffee, 5 lbs.	-	-	\$1.00
Prunes, per pound	-	-	15c

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